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## ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH



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## B. T. Simms, Alumnus of Month, Has Important Position in Agriculture

B. T. Simms, '11, Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is April Alumnus of the Month. Since his birth on a farm in Emelle, Sumter County, Alabama, Dr. Simms has risen in professional height, until now he holds one of the most important positions in the Department of Agriculture.

Animal Industry Director Simms was recently mentioned by *Time Magazine* in an article describing his campaign to wipe out the dreaded foot-and-mouth disease now attacking cattle in Mexico. *Time* quoted Dr. Simms as saying: "We've got to push it back or it will push us back. Foot-and-mouth disease does not play a tie game."

In everything Director Simms says there is a touch of that down-to-earth humor which has undoubtedly been a worthy aid to his attaining an unlimited amount of success in the field of veterinary medicine. When interviewed through mail by the *Alumnews*, Dr. Simms joked: "I can't find very much of interest to the general public in my past history. The sheriff has never caught me robbing a bank or stealing horses; I never won any prizes in baby shows; and my picture has never been in the Sunday papers as the hero who rescued the women and children from the burning building."

Dr. Simms was born on a farm

at Emelle, Sumter County, Ala. "Nobody except the Indians and the Simmses ever owned this farm," he said. "I grew up as a country boy does, working when I had to as a farm boy or as a clerk in my father's country store, attending school, hunting, fishing, and taking quinine to control the ever-present malaria."

Dr. Simms entered Auburn in January, 1905, in time to hear President Thach announce that the after-Christmas enrollment had brought Auburn's student body to an all-time high of a little over 500 members. There were 125 freshmen that year. The one freshman who was to become the U.S. Director of Animal Industry started his college career as an agriculture student.

The following fall he changed his course to veterinary medicine, a curriculum which he pursued until graduation in 1911. As hard as the veterinary classes are, Dr. Simms found time to play the rough and tough football of that day.

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## Alumni Association Office Mails Out Over Half Million Communications

The Auburn Alumni Association has mailed out over 500,000 communications to graduates of Alabama Polytechnic Institute since the fall of 1945. Almost 10,400 alumni have been located, more than 40 Auburn clubs established, and well over \$40,000 contributed by API graduates to their alma mater in the last two and one-half years.

Auburn clubs now dot the map of the United States from New York to Miami, and west to San Francisco. There are well-organized clubs in most principal cities of the United States: Philadelphia, Washington, New Orleans, Dallas, Los Angeles, etc.

At Alabama Polytechnic Institute, a three-way file system of the 10,400 alumni located has been established. Today's method of quickly finding the address, course, and year-graduated of alumni is a far cry from methods employed only three years ago, when it was difficult even to tell who were Auburn alumni.

This three-way file system consists of alphabetical cards, year cards, and geographical plates. Furthermore, a selective system of reaching alumni has been created. Through a unique mailing program, alumni can be selected on the basis of the department of college attended, year graduated, whether they are alumni or alumnae, whether they pay their dues or not, whether they live in the New York Club area or the Birmingham Club area—in fact, on the basis of almost any combination or groups of combinations under the sun.

Functions of the Auburn Alum-

ni Association which are carried out through the office of Executive Secretary Harry M. Davis, include receiving and acknowledging communications from the thousands of Auburn alumni in the U.S. and foreign countries, arranging for various alumni meetings and for the homecoming affairs each year, handling the Greater Auburn Fund, attending numerous meetings of the American Alumni Council, of which Auburn is a member, and editing and publishing the *Auburn Alumnews*.

Executive committee of the Association is composed of six alumni and a president elected annually at Homecoming. This committee formulates all policy pertaining to the Association's legislative program, its capital project, and the Greater Auburn Fund. The office of Executive Secretary is largely administrative.

The staff at the Alumni Office in Auburn numbers four members other than the Executive Secretary. Clerical employees include Anne McAfee, of St. Paul, Minn.; Emily Gilreath, of Greenville, S. C.; and Phyllis Watkins, of Pensacola, Fla. Luther Smith serves as managing editor of the *Auburn Alumnews*.

## Board of Trustees Approves Issuance Of \$1,100,000 Building Bonds

A.P.I. trustees on March 31 approved the issuance of \$1,100,000 of building revenue bonds to give impetus to the \$1,536,500 college building program under which Auburn will construct two new buildings and build additions to the athletic stadium.

Bids on the bonds were opened Tuesday, April 20 at a meeting of the board of trustees.

As the first part of a \$2,500,000 building program, revenue from the bonds to be sold April 20 will be used to finance construction of a \$986,500 engineering laboratory, \$100,000 office and warehouse building for buildings and grounds department, and addition of approximately 16,000 seats on the east side of Auburn Stadium.

Later additional bonds will be issued to finance construction of architecture and education school buildings. Architects' plans and specifications for these two buildings, cost of which is expected to run close to a million dollars, will not be ready for several months. For that reason they were not included in board action.

The \$1,100,000 voted in March will be amortized over a period of 30 years. Five dollars of each student fee collected during fall, winter and spring quarters will

be pledged toward retirement of the issue. This leaves dormitory and dining hall fees available for amortization of the issue which will be required to finance the education and architecture buildings.

A discussion was held on the style of the architecture building. A model of the proposed building was shown trustees by Dean Turpin C. Bannister. It is of modern design.

Acting-President Ralph B. Draughton explained to the board that the architectural faculty strongly favored the modern style, while the campus planning committee had been unable to agree on modern, or modified Georgian, the style of the majority of other buildings. The committee had requested that the whole question be reviewed by the board.

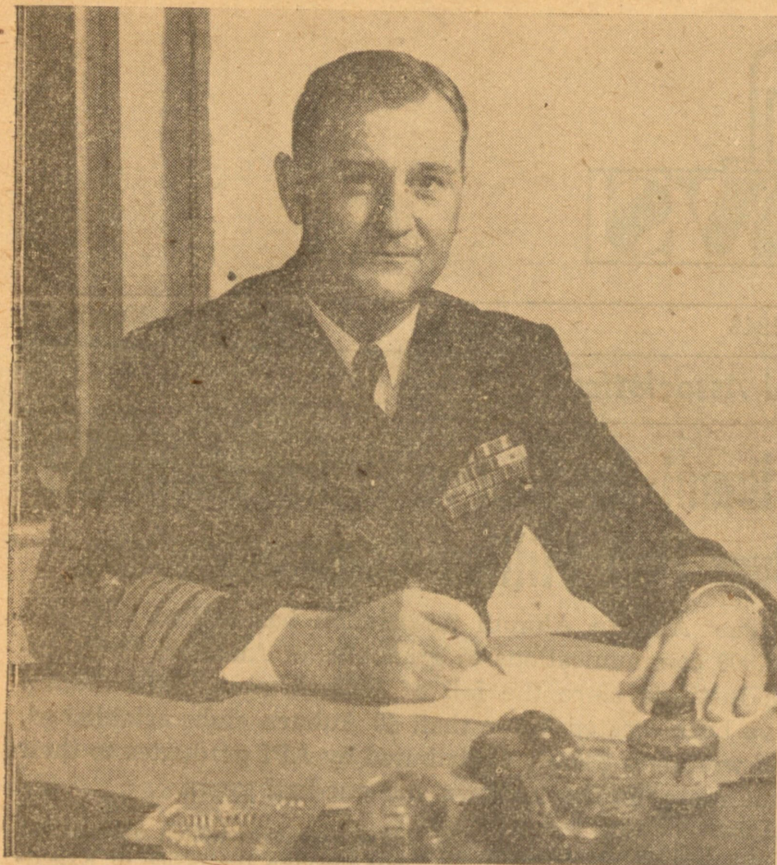
Upon motion of Trustee Frank Samford, '14, it was agreed that the question as to whether modified modern style or modified

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Captain J. W. Callahan (above) is Professor of NROTC at Auburn and a veteran of much action during World War II.

## NROTC Professor at API Is Veteran Of Much Action in World War II

When the screaming, strafing, howling Jap Zeros descended on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, Captain Joseph W. Callahan, Professor of Naval Science at Auburn, was immediately beneath them. Many Americans were killed in that deluge of bullets, bombs, and torpedoes, but Captain Callahan, then a destroyer squadron engineer, escaped with his body intact and with a promise to himself that he would wreak as much havoc as possible on the treacherous Japanese.

He fulfilled that promise to himself at Guadalcanal, the Savo Islands, at Rice Anchorage and at Kolanbangar. He participated in a relief expedition to Wake Island in January of 1942, and later in the same year went to Sydney, Australia, to relieve the old four-stackers which had survived combat in the East Indies against huge Jap forces.

While Captain Callahan was commanding officer of the destroyer *Ralph Talbot*, he met his first major engagement. As the group of which Callahan's destroyer was a member lay on the northwest side of Savo, the Jap attack force came in on the other side of the island. The superior Jap group decided to retire on the northwest side of Savo, but there they found the *Ralph Talbot* and its companions. Callahan's destroyer engaged a Jap cruiser at 3000 yards and scored "gun hits which were visible and torpedo hits."

Hit forward, aft, and amidships by the cruiser, the *Talbot's* forward and after below-deck compartments and its bridge were flooded by fire. The Jap force broke off the engagement and retired, leaving Callahan's ship with a 20-degree list and a burning starboard deck that was almost awash.

"All the medical personnel except one pharmacist's mate were killed," Callahan continued the story, "and many of the officers and men were killed. We managed to get the ship in fairly close to the island, fought the fire all night, got the ship on an even keel, and were on our way the following morning. We were sent back to the states for re-

pairs and later returned to take part in the occupation of New Georgia and the Solomons."

Later, Captain Callahan took charge of the *USS Barton*, played a major role in the invasion of Normandy, stopped over in the states, and traveled to Honolulu, where he was ordered to take command of Destroyer Division 102, consisting of four battle ships.

Although his most important role was played at Savo, Kolanbangar, and Normandy, Captain Callahan also took part in the following actions during World War II: first landing at Guadalcanal; Solomon Islands Campaign; landing at Rice Anchorage; New Georgia operations; first landings at the Linguyan Gulf in the Philippines, and Borneo occupational operations.

For his meritorious service he received the following awards: the Navy Cross, Silver Star, two letters of recommendation for combat, Croix de Guerre with silver star, and the Order of the Division.

Captain Callahan's work is now carried on from a two-capacity position: Captain in the U. S. Navy and Professor of Naval Science at API. He has been commander of the local NROTC unit since its establishment in September of 1945.

Captain Callahan is married and has two children, Joseph William, Jr., 5 1-2 years old, and John Driscoll, 3 1-2 years old. He is an avid follower of golf as a recreation.

"But I'm only a rank amateur," he says.

### California Club . . .

The Auburn Club of Southern California had a very successful meeting on Friday, February 27, reports Martin Mardirosian, '37. Speaker for the evening was an official in North American Aviation, Inc., who delivered a short history on guided missiles.

Knox H. Camp, who was a member of the Auburn football teams of 1902-03, has been ill for several years. However, Mr. Camp is still deeply interested in his alma mater.

## NROTC Now Boasts Over 120 Students

Since its establishment in September, 1945, API's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps has grown in enrollment to a total of 118 students and 19 student officers. It lists on its records two graduates and a faculty staff composed of four officers and nine enlisted men.

The purpose of NROTC is to provide a steady supply of well-educated junior officers for the line and staff corps of the regular Navy and to build up a reserve of trained officers who will be ready to serve their country at a moment's notice in a national emergency. Auburn NROTC graduates are given equal rank, equal treatment, and equal opportunities with the graduates of the United States Naval Academy.

There are three types of NROTC students. Regular NROTC students assume an obligation to make all required summer practice cruises and to serve at least 15 months or two years on active duty after commissioning as Ensign, U. S. Navy, or Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps, unless sooner released by the Secretary of the Navy. They may remain as career officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Contract NROTC students have the status of civilians who have entered into a mutual contract with the Navy. They are not entitled to the compensations or benefits paid Regular NROTC Students, except in the way of uniforms, payment of commutation of subsistence during their final two years of NROTC training and practice cruise compensations. Contract NROTC students agree to accept a commission in the Naval Reserve or the Marine Corps Reserve and may be required to accept reserve USN or USMC commissions and serve for two years on active duty.

The third type, Naval Science Students, may be permitted to pursue Naval Science courses for college credit. They are not eligible to make NROTC cruises or to be paid any compensation or benefits.

### Pease, Parker Join Engineering Staff Of SE Underwriters

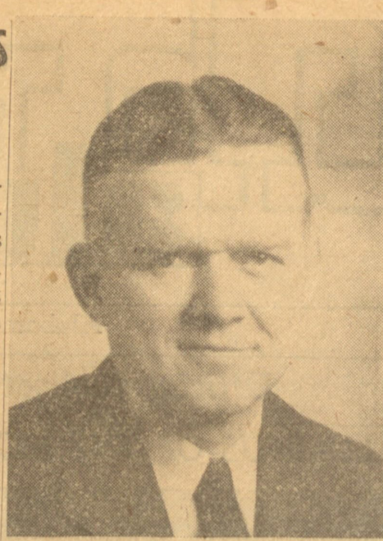
The South-Eastern Underwriters Association, of Atlanta, Ga., has recently augmented its field engineering staff by the addition of three engineers, two of whom are Auburn alumni.

Leonard G. Pease, Jr., '47, and Grayson H. Parker, '47, have entered training in the engineering offices of Richmond, Va., and Tampa, Fla.

Pease, who is originally from Columbus, Ga., served over three years in the field artillery during World War II. His unit was in combat in Germany for two months. He was released to inactive status as a first lieutenant in August, 1946, and returned to Auburn to complete his education, earning his B.S. in mechanical engineering in December, 1947.

Parker, a native of Pensacola, Fla., served 26 months in the Navy. Upon release from active service, he also returned to API and obtained his B.S. in industrial management last December.

Other Auburn alumni on the staff of the South-Eastern Underwriters Association are: Joe L. Davis, Jr., '46; Eugene J. Griffiths, '44, and Guy C. Wallis, '42.



R. C. Crawford, '27, (above) was promoted last month to Manager of the Outdoor and Station Equipment Section of the General Electric Switchgears Division, in Philadelphia, Penna.

### Prather, '42 Appointed To New Ag Position

The appointment of W. R. Prather, '42, formerly assistant farm agent, Escambia County, as assistant animal husbandryman of the API Agricultural Experiment station here, was announced by M. J. Funchess, dean and director.

In his new position, Mr. Prather will assist with the artificial insemination unit of the station and county associations throughout the State. He will leave shortly for the University of Wisconsin to take two weeks advanced training in artificial insemination work.

Prather was reared on a farm in Autauga County and was graduated in 1938 from the Hix Memorial High School, Autauga County, Alabama. He entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute that fall and received his B. S. degree in agricultural science in 1942.

After graduating at A. P. I., he joined the Alabama Extension Service as assistant farm agent of Escambia County. This position was held until entering the Army in 1946. After serving almost two years in the Army, he returned to A. P. I. and did graduate work for one quarter, receiving special training on artificial insemination of dairy cattle.

### First Basketball Game Described

The following feature is taken from "The Passing Throng," a column written by Atticus Mullin and appearing in The Montgomery Advertiser:

I remember distinctly the first intercollegiate basketball contest Auburn ever engaged in. It was in January, 1901, forty-seven years ago. The reason I remember the game so well was because I arranged the game between Howard College and Auburn.

The game was played in the quarters of the Birmingham Athletic Club in Birmingham. The score was 12 to 7 in favor of Howard. I was captain of the Howard team and played a guard. In those days if a forward made more than two goals over you, you were fired. Now they make 15 or 20. In those days 30 points would usually cover the score of both teams. Today 150 points would be more nearly like it. Planning for Auburn in that first game in 1901 I remember Mike Harvey, '01, Dan Martin, '01, and Eric Alsbrook, '05, particularly. Eric is in Montgomery with Haygood Paterson's ('05) department.

### R. C. CRAWFORD, '27 IS PROMOTED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC

Promotion of R. C. Crawford '27, to Manager of the Outdoor and Station Equipment Section of the General Electric Switchgears Division, in Philadelphia was recently announced.

Mr. Crawford became connected with General Electric in June 1929, as a student test engineer at Schenectady and was transferred to Philadelphia on September 15, 1930, as a tester. On January 5, 1931, he was transferred to the Sales Division.

He was made a Requisition Engineer, Panel and Equipment Division, on March 25, 1935, and was transferred to the Sales Division as a Proposal Engineer on June 14, 1937. In December of the following year, Mr. Crawford was transferred to the Philadelphia Office as a Switchgear Specialist and on November 1, 1941 returned to the Sales Division.

### W. H. Taylor, '40, Is Promoted to County Agent

W. H. Taylor, '40, assistant county agent for Lee County since June, 1946, has been promoted to county agent succeeding Olan Cooper who has resigned to join the experiment station staff as assistant editor.

At the same time that Mr. Taylor was named as county agent, Richard W. Teague was appointed as assistant county agent.

Mr. Taylor becomes county agent after considerable agricultural experience. He was born and reared on a small farm near Linville in Clay County and graduated from high school in 1936. He majored in agricultural education and graduated with a B.S. degree in June, 1940. He worked his way through college, but still was active in the Ag Club and the FFA.

He entered the army as a private and rose to the rank of captain in the 530th Field Artillery Battalion. He saw service in Italy, Northern Apennines and the Po Valley Campaign. He was overseas for 18 months and when discharged, had 48 months service to his credit. He was employed by the Farm Security Administration in the Auburn office as district co-op specialist. Later he was with the FSA in Tallapoosa County.

He then became assistant county agent to Olan Cooper, county agent, and served as dairy and truck crops specialist.

During the time that he was assistant county agent, six grade A dairy farms were constructed. Richard Teague, the new assistant county agent, was reared on a farm in St. Clair County. He graduated in Agricultural Science on March 17, 1948.

During the war he served in the Air Corp, was shot down over Germany and was prisoner of war in Germany for 22 months. He was released by invading U. S. soldiers.

The Auburn Club of Madison County met on March 3, at the Huntsville, Ala., Gas Co. Offices, and made plans for future activities. The Madison County Club will meet once each quarter, as called, and will hold other meetings, if necessary. Officers include: Joe Cooper, '35, president; Charles O'Reilly, '40, vice president; Mimi Simms, '46, secretary-treasurer; Guy Lynn, '40, and Warren Sockwell, '43, executive committee.





Clyde H. Cantrell, Director of API Libraries, is a frequent contributor to numerous library and literary periodicals. Mr. Cantrell has served as President of the Alabama Library Association.

## API Libraries Now Have 150,000 Books And Large New Projection Room

Because of the relentless efforts of Clyde H. Cantrell, the libraries at API can now boast a total of 150,000 volumes. In the main library and in other libraries on the campus there are staffs composed of a total of 21 regular members and 25 student assistants, who work part-time.

Mr. Cantrell, Director of API Libraries, has also added another innovation for the benefit of better visual education at Auburn. Last month he announced the founding of a projection room here, which has a seating capacity of 65-75.

"We will try to make it possible for any class to use films in instructional work," Mr. Cantrell stated.

He went on to explain that Auburn was following the trend being set forth by all of the larger American libraries—the use of visual aid in higher institutions. Studies made by the U.S. Army and by various other groups show that a person remembers from 70% to 80% of what he sees, but only 25% to 30% of what he reads.

Films to be employed in Auburn's new projection room will be obtained from moving picture outlets throughout the United States. Only the films which will of necessity be used from year to year shall be purchased by the API libraries.

With the increase in the number of volumes now under the roofs of the various libraries here comes the problem of providing adequate building facilities. In describing the need for more and better facilities, Mr. Cantrell said: "We have practically reached our saturation point. The shelves in the main library are almost at the overflowing level."

### Clyde Cantrell

Clyde Cantrell became the Director of Libraries at Auburn in 1944 after many years of assiduous library and literary work. A native of North Carolina, it was at the University of North Carolina that he received his three degrees: A.B., M.A., and A.B.L.S.

Early choosing the library field as his career, Mr. Cantrell was connected with the University of North Carolina, first as a student assistant and later as a full-time member of the staff, until 1937. During that year he went to North Carolina State, where he remained two years as periodical librarian.

In 1939 he became circulation librarian at the same school, and in 1941 he left Raleigh, N. C. State's hometown, to become head of the circulation division of West Virginia University's library. From 1942-43 he served as assistant librarian at that institution.

In July of 1943, he transferred to Birmingham-Southern College as Director of the Library and associate professor of Spanish. Auburn requested his experience and ability in November of 1944, and in that month he became Director of Libraries here.

Mr. Cantrell is a multilingualist, and is able to speak Spanish and understand spoken French and Italian. His hobbies are stamp-collecting, hiking, and music. Married to the former Ethel Marie Williams, also a native of North Carolina, he has one child, Nancy Elizabeth, who will be six years old on the 23rd of this month.

A contributor to numerous library and literary periodicals, Mr. Cantrell is a member of the Auburn Kiwanis Club, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Iota (honorary language fraternity), Mu Beta Psi (honorary musical fraternity) South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Southeastern Library Association, and the Alabama Library Association.

In 1945-46, he served as vice-president of the Alabama Library Association and in 1946-47 as president of that group.

### Who's Youngest Grad?

The question arose last month: Who has been the youngest student to graduate from Auburn? An article appeared in *The Alumnews* last November stating that W. B. Clayton '05, had been API's youngest grad. In January, Thomas G. Foster, '93, notified us that he, like Mr. Clayton, had graduated at the age of 17.

*The Alumnews* is not attempting to referee any controversy, and is unable to reach any conclusion. We merely furnish the available information for whatever value it might be: Thomas G. Foster, born October 1, 1875, graduated June 1893; W. H. Clayton born April 7, 1888, graduated

### CQ DE W4LJF

By Frank Pickens

This month the new officers of the API Radio Club assumed their duties of office. The new officers are: Chris Russell, W4MFA, Vice-President, and T. H. Heitt, Jr., W4MIH, Secretary-Treasurer.

Work is progressing very nicely on the new club transmitter, and many of the units are beginning to take shape.

A surplus propeller pitch changing motor has been obtained for use as a beam rotator. Construction of the beam is under the direction of John Howell, W4KVQ. At present John is working on a 4 element ten-meter beam and a 4 element two meter beam.

Stan Owen, W4LHV, and Bert Owen, W4LHW, have just received their class A licenses and are now active on 80 meter phone with about 100 watts.

One of the newest calls in Auburn is W4NIA, which belongs to L. F. O'Kelly, brother of Harold O'Kelly, '47, W4MFB.

Willis Howard, '47, Ex-W4MIO, now has his new call W5OCZ. That will be a nice call to use on phone when the QRM gets rough, Willis! Incidentally, Willis is the proud papa of a new junior operator, christened Willis E. Howard, III.

Rumor has it that Lawson Young, '47, W4MXY, now has his rig on the air again. Is that right, "Bud"?

H. H. "Ham" Callan, '37, W5-MVV, EX-W4DEL, is active on 40 meter CW and 10 meter CW and phone. He says that he is looking forward to contacting Ex-Auburn amateurs. He is now using a pair of 813's running about 400 watts. Ham's QTH is now Apt. 11-B, Brayton park, Cuero, Texas. Thanks a million for your nice card, Ham, and we will be looking for you on 40 meters.

Anyone who is an Auburn alumnus and an amateur radio operator is urged to send in his call, bands worked, and any other information his friends might like to see. Send all correspondence to the Auburn Alumni Association, or to F. T. Pickens, Box 1149, Auburn, Alabama.

73 till next month, and keep those cards coming in.

### Marriages

The marriage of Benjamin F. Hale to Miss Marjorie McKinnon, '43, took place on March 16 in the home of Rev. McCoy Guthrie, Birmingham, Ala.

The marriage of J. Walter Barr, Jr., '43, of Montgomery, Ala., to Miss Nancy Clare Foster, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, took place on March 20, in Atlanta, Ga.

The marriage of Edward Neil Henderson, '43, of Andalusia and Shreveport, to Miss Virginia Estelle took place on April 3.

The marriage of H. Kennon Francis, '33, of Montgomery, Ala., to Miss Mittie Frank Champion, also of Montgomery, took place on March 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery.

The marriage of William Perry Ward to Miss Joann Jackson '50, of Opelika, Ala. took place last month.

### Deaths

The body of Lt. (jg) Dan Parkman, '35, was recently brought to LaFayette, Ala., for

interment and services. Lt. Parkman died at Guadalcanal during the recent war.

Alonzo F. Cory, '88, died at Selma, Ala., on February 29, at the age of 83.



Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harvey celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in February. Mr. Harvey is a member of the class of 1880.

## W. A. Harvey, '80, Attended API When It Was the 'Alabama A & M'

Go down the street half a block, turn right, then take the first street to the left," the postmaster in Montevallo, Ala. said. "His is the third house on the right."

The *Alumnews* reporter had just asked where Mr. W. A. Harvey, '80, lived. He followed the directions given him by the postmaster, and came to a neat eight-room house across the road from which children were playing a lazy, spring afternoon game.

After ringing the doorbell one time, the reporter was received into a tidy living-room; about the walls were photographs of young boys and girls, and of the same boys and girls grown-up.

An elderly gentleman and his graceful wife entered the room. It was Mr. W. A. Harvey and the beautiful lady with whom he, in February, celebrated his 61st wedding anniversary.

Mr. Harvey, who attended Auburn when it was called "Alabama A & M College"—in the last years of the 1870-80 decade, in 1887 married the lady beside whom he has spent so many happy years. Mrs. Harvey is a member of the well-known Pratt family of Bibb County and graduated in French from the Old Central College in Tuscaloosa.

William Augusta Harvey was born on January 6, 1861, out on the prairie in a cedar log house at Walla County, Texas, near Hempstead. His parents, Isaac Newton Harvey and Rebecca Mathews Reese, had been lured to Texas by the promise of great lands. They eventually acquired a plantation of ten or twelve thousand acres.

When W. A. Harvey was but three years old, his mother died. He and a brother, Addison Reese Harvey, now deceased and also a former Auburn student, were bereft of the center of their love. Servants cared for the two boys for three years. Finally, Mr. Harvey's father could stand the loneliness of Texas no longer, so sold his plantation for \$20,000 and left that state forever.

He carried the \$20,000, plus other accumulated money, in gold concealed in a belt about his waist. The belt was almost lost in New Orleans. Finally the belt was recovered, however, and W. A. Harvey, his father, and his brother, resumed their trip to Auburn, Alabama, where they would make their future home.

Once in Auburn, they made their residence at the home of an uncle, Frank Reese, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Reese. W. A. "Gus" Harvey and his brother, A. R. Harvey, spent much of their boyhood time gathering wood, cutting kindling, and taking it to the rooms of the college boys who boarded with their aunt. Gus Harvey entered "the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama" in 1876.

He studied civil and mining engineering here, and left Auburn with a letter of recommendation and introduction to Joe Squires, pioneer coal prospector of Alabama, from Dr. Tichenor, first president of the "A & M College."

"Dr. Tichenor was the finest man I ever knew," Mr. Harvey said. "He predicted that electricity would provide the power of the world, which was a very radical statement back in those days."

"He also said that it took more sense to feed a pig than to run a mercantile business."

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## Staff of the Research Interpretation Council



Members of the staff of the Research Interpretation Council are shown above. From left to right they are: Blanche Carlton, writer; Horace Ogden, research assistant; R. T. Leigh, assistant director; and Dr. Paul Irvine, Director.

## API Research Interpretation Council Helps Simplify Many Publications

The work being done by Auburn's RIC—Research Interpretation Council, that is—is enabling Alabamians to get the most out of what they read. Many of the articles which you read in Alabama Newspapers, health publications, and bulletins originating from numerous agencies, are directly influenced by our Research Interpretation Council.

As Dr. Paul Irvine, Director of the RIC, says, "We are trying to get important information to as large a number of people as possible—some of the basic knowledge which people should know in the fields of health, agriculture, and education."

The RIC makes readable sentences and phrases which, without the painstaking penetration into the English language by the RIC staff, would not be understood by a vast number of people. Take the last sentence written in this column for instance. The RIC probably would cut it down to: The R. I. C. writes words that people know.

In a recent progress report, Dr. Irvine explained: "Evidence seems to indicate an increased awareness of the need for more readable materials for the general public. Public officials and writers are becoming 'readability conscious.' An increasing number of those who prepare publications for the general public are conscious of the need for adjusting reading difficulty to serve larger numbers of the people more effectively. In this movement for more readable material for the public we have served as exponent, demonstrator and service agency."

"It is our function," Dr. Irvine further explained, "to promote, to interpret, to instruct and to demonstrate readability concepts and practices."

Auburn's RIC agency is the only one in the United States' higher institutions which is available to all public agencies within its area.

Among the many health publications edited by the RIC have been pamphlets relating to children's teeth, pre-natal care, tuberculosis, and hookworm. One

too! They enjoy telling about their trip to Niagara Falls and their winters in Florida and their airplane journeys through Canada.

"I guess you could call us globe-trotters," Mr. Harvey said.

A majority of Mr. Harvey's family have graduated from Auburn. His brother, now deceased, was a graduate of the latter part of the 19th century, Mike Harvey, who organized the second football team at API, was Mr. Harvey's cousin.

"Mike was the champion hammer-thrower of the U. S.," Mr. Harvey stated.

Two of Mr. Harvey's six children are Auburn alumni. William Reese Harvey, now an engineer at Westinghouse, graduated from API in 1911. Mrs. C. F. Hamff, also an Auburn graduate, now resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Harvey is still affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in West Blocton, and received all of his sons into that same Lodge. He is a direct descendant of George Matthews, second governor of Georgia and a brigadier general under Washington in the Revolutionary War.

The Alumnews salutes Mr. W. A. Harvey, 87 years young, and his charming and beautiful wife. May they have many more happy years before them.

of the most interesting and appealing booklets produced had to do with the last-mentioned subject. Entitled "Hubert Hookworm," it was a cooperative project with the Alabama Department of Health and Education. Designed to reinforce the Health Department's cure and sanitation programs, it is being used in 20 Alabama counties where from 20% to 60% of the school had hookworm.

This booklet has been reprinted for the Health Department of four Southern States.

In the first 30 days after the delivery of "Hubert Hookworm," the state laboratories had received so many applications that they were swamped for nine months in advance!

A monthly tabloid, "Manpower," published by the Birmingham Industrial Health Committee in cooperation with the Jefferson County Board of Health and edited by the Research Interpretation Council, is distributed to 40,000 workers in the industrial plants of Birmingham. This paper carries a health or safety comic strip each month by the RIC artist, Pat Mangrum.

Furthermore, Mrs. Mangrum designs a health or safety poster monthly for display on bulletin boards in Birmingham's industrial plants.

Alabamians will remember the pamphlets advocating a "yes" vote for Amendment Number One relating to the use of the state income tax last August. The pamphlet, produced by the RIC, "was the most effective piece of literature that was used in the campaign," according to an official on the Citizen's Committee for Education. No constitutional amendment was ever passed by such a big majority. None has carried every county before.

In editing agricultural leaflets, the RIC studies vocabulary used in Alabama farm publications. This study has resulted in a list of 2,623 different agricultural words. The list gives the frequencies of occurrence in 500,000 running words. The frequency ratings indicate the relative importance of each word in written materials and its appropriateness for use. Such a study provides the basis for a Basic Vocabulary of Agriculture.

The RIC has helped to popularize annual reports for all the county welfare departments in Alabama this year. The popularized annual report is made to give information regarding welfare to all people of Alabama counties.

This entire program is, says Dr. Irvine, "a part of the College's adult education program—an attempt to spread useful information to the people of the state as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Staff of the Auburn Research

## Do You Remember?

As Told By  
P. R. "Chief" Bidez

Last month Professor J. E. "Boozer" Pitts told the story of Auburn's first varsity versus alumni football game. In the following column, P. R. "Chief" Bidez, API's Bandleader and one of the most distinguished chemists on the campus today, compares the band of 30 years ago with the band which he heads:

As the band today does a good deal of traveling, so did the band of 1912, '13, '14, and '15. I was a member of the band then, and we played at the various football games. We even went to Mobile and played for the Mardi Gras.

We made a concert tour of the southern part of Alabama, and even played at a Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

Of course, there were fewer members of the band then—only about 25 in 1911, as compared to the 60-member concert band Auburn has today. The band of today has better material from which to draw and its members are more advanced.

I played varsity football and couldn't participate in many of the regular band pieces during the football season, but I was with the band during the rest of the time.

In the history of the Auburn Band, there have been only three bandleaders: Professor M. T. Fullan, Professor A. L. Thomas, and myself.

### Speaks to Auburn Club

William Byrd, '21, President of the Auburn Alumni Association spoke at the quarterly meeting of the Jackson County Auburn Club, Tuesday night, April 6th.

Some 20 members heard Mr. Byrd talk on the current expansion of Auburn both in the field of instruction and research. He cited the fact that only two other schools in the United States are carrying on the research program that is being carried on at Auburn.

All members present were highly impressed by Mr. Byrd's optimistic viewpoint on the Athletic picture at Auburn.

Also present at Tuesday Night's meeting, was Mr. Boyd of Gadsden, who made some very impressive statements about Auburn's expansion program.

The following officers were re-elected to serve another term for the County Club: Harry Campbell, '39, President; C. O. Blackwell, '39, Vice President; and Charles H. Johnston, '42, Secretary and Treasurer.

All Auburn Alumni of Jackson County are urged to become active in this local club. Our local club as well as your Alma Mater needs your support. Much can be accomplished as a club, that could never be accomplished as individuals.

The next meeting of the Washington, D. C., Auburn Club will be held during the fourth week in May. All alumni in that area who are interested in attending should contact either Carl J. Bastien, '42, of 3736 1st Street, S. E., Washington 20, D. C., or W. G. Greene, '41, of 415 S. Wayne Street, Arlington, Va.

Interpretation Council consists of Dr. Paul Irvine, Director; R. T. Leigh, Assistant Director; Blanche Carlton, writer; Pat Mangrum, artist; Horace G. Ogden, research assistant; Anne Cantrell, secretary; and Frances Jer-nigan, typist.

## P. R. Bidez Leads Band for 30 Years

P. R. "Chief" Bidez possesses great amount of the indomitable Auburn Spirit. He has instilled many graduates that drive while graduates of the first decade of this century employed in making API the most majestic and friendliest school throughout the entire United States.

For 30 years "Chief" Bidez has conducted the Auburn Band at concerts, at recitals, and at football games. He has perfected the "Tiger Roar" known everywhere as a reverberation of Auburn power.

In 1911, P. R. Bidez entered Auburn. He was interested in two things: chemistry and music. He had begun studying music at the age of six under private instruction, and played for the band during his whole college career.

Not only was he able to toggle around sharps and flats, but he also could hand out a mean pass on the football field. So respect was he for his gridiron prowess that he was selected captain of the varsity football team in 1911.

Following his departure from API, he went into the Army, and immediately became a band leader of the famed 167th Infantry Band, a portion of the Rainbow division. Overseas for months, he traveled in England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

Having been discharged, he returned to Auburn, took charge of the band, and worked in the State Chemical Laboratory. For about 10 years after 1919, he also directed the Glee Club and the college Orchestra.

"That kept me going from seven in the morning until 11 every night," "Chief" states.

"Chief" Bidez now has two jobs: leading the band and chemically analyzing samples of fertilizer and commercial feed sent here by the Department of Agriculture and Industry.

Because he plans to present two band concerts during the spring quarter, "Chief" will have little time during the next few months for his favorite recreation, fishing.

### Ross Mullins Is Elected President of Auburn JC

Ross Mullins, '39, was selected president of the Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting of that organization. He is a partner in the Mullins Feed Store, of Auburn.

Other new officers are Ralph Andrews, vice president; David Wittel, '39, treasurer; John Ball, '43, corresponding and recording secretary.

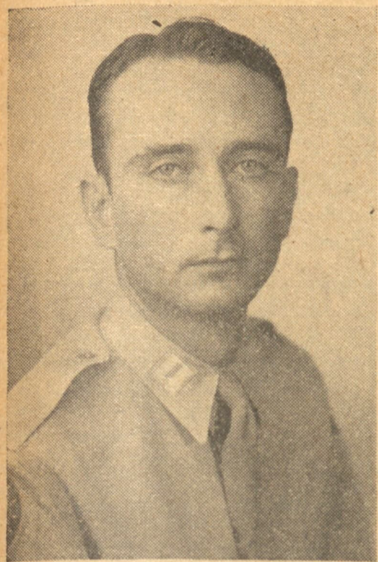
The board of directors included Herndon McGehee, '47, Fred Parker, and Jake Fortner, '41.

The officers were installed by Watson Moore, district state vice president from West Point, Ga.

Mr. Moore told the Jaycees that their accomplishments are in direct proportion to community activity. He urged the group to undertake something big. Citing the work of one small club which obtained voting machines against great odds, Mr. Moore said Auburn's club must work to reach its goals.

The other visitor was Ted Merriam, state executive secretary from Montgomery, Ala.





**Captain Harold L. Wilson, '41**, of Camp Hill, Alabama, is now studying a course in Engineering Sciences at the Air Forces Institute of Technology, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Headquarters of Air Material Command. The purpose of the Air Institute is to properly educate young officers in the fields of engineering and to assure effective research, development and procurement for the U. S. Air Force. Captain Wilson is the son of Mr. Lewis T. Wilson of Camp Hill. Before entering the Air Force Captain Wilson received a B.S. degree in aeronautical engineering from Alabama Polytechnic Institute and was employed as Tallapoosa Farm Agent. During the war he served as a Bomber Pilot with the 20th Air Force in Guam. Before entering the Air Institute of Technology he was stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

### Heard Named Secretary Of Atmore C. of C.

George M. Heard, 43, has been named executive secretary of the Atmore, Ala., Chamber of Commerce, officials there have announced.

The new secretary is a veteran of the recent war and was graduated from API, Auburn with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

He served as editor of the paper in Atmore just prior to his appointment as the new Chamber of Commerce secretary. He has also worked for the education department in Florida in Veterans training work since his release from the army in November, 1946.

Heard is married to the former Mary Curtis of Atmore. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heard, Fairfield.

### Henry A. Wynne, '11, Tells About Hard Work Of Birmingham Mail Delivery Route

The following story recently appeared in the Shades Valley Sun:

"Oldest mail carrier in Homewood, Ala.; in point of service is Henry A. Wynne who has been at it for 24 years. When he began it was just a rural route. Driving a model T out of Birmingham he 'caught' 48 mail boxes on the corner where Dunn Drug Company now stands and some 37 on about the location of the present postoffice. Near Vulcan Restaurant was a collection of boxes for colored people.

An old Auburn football player and quite an athlete in his time he says his "feet can take it," but the weight of a 40-pound pouch of mail strapped around his back gets a little heavy at times. Postal regulations limit a carrier's load to 40 pounds; but he has carried more at times. He wears out a pair of shoes about every two months.

A native of Faunsdale, Maren-

### J. OLAN COOPER, '42 IS MADE ASSISTANT AGRICULTURE EDITOR

The appointment of J. Olan Cooper, formerly county agent of Lee County, as assistant agricultural editor of the Agricultural Experiment Station, was recently announced by M. J. Funchess, dean and director.

In his new position, Cooper will assist in the publication of various bulletins, circulars, and other materials reporting the results of agricultural research work of the Station.

For the past six years, he has been connected with the Alabama Extension Service, serving as county agent and assistant agent in Lee County. He succeeded George H. Dyar as county agent in 1945.

Cooper was graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1942, and was appointed assistant county agent. Prior to entering Auburn, he attended Florence State Teachers College and taught several years in the Marion County school system. He also served four years as assistant postmaster at Hamilton, Ala.

While in school at Auburn, Cooper was student assistant in the department of agricultural economics, served as campus editor of the Alabama Farmer, was active in Ag Club activities, and was a member of Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agricultural fraternities.

During the war period, he served as rural area chairman of the war bond drives and Red Cross campaigns in Lee County. He is a member of the Opelika Kiwanis Club. He is a native of Marion County, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cooper of Hamilton, Ala.

### P. O. Davis Announces Personnel Changes

Recent personnel changes announced by Extension Director P. O. Davis are:

**James B. Moore** ('41) from assistant county agent to county agent in Bullock.

**H. W. Moss** ('33) from assistant in Montgomery to county agent in Washington.

**Miss Clovis Green** ('45) from assistant home demonstration in DeKalb to home demonstration in Blount.

**Mrs. Mary Sue Gray** ('40) from assistant in Marion to home demonstration in Cullman.

**Exa Till** ('45) from assistant in Crenshaw to home demonstration agent in Chambers.

### Veterans Co-ordinator



### Ex-Auburnite Finds Liberian University Before His Death

Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

The above lines can be found in two places. They are in the 15th chapter of John and on the headstone of a little grave in Liberia, Africa.

James Longstreet Sibley, who was in charge of boy's agricultural club work with headquarters at Auburn for several years prior to 1925, and who worked with Professor Thomas A. Sims, '18, founded before his death in 1929 a Liberian college, which he named Tuskegee-in-Africa.

Mr. Sibley's brother, Eugene Sibley, recently visited in Auburn, and gave *The Alumnews* several interesting facts regarding the Liberian missionary.

"He has received a tribute from Harvey Firestone," Eugene Sibley stated, "and he edited many Liberian publications. He also wrote a book for the Liberian people who were being educated by him: 'Liberia, Old and New.'"

"While he was writing and traveling, he would ride in a hammock carried by two natives 25 miles a day in a 115-degree heat."

Mr. Sibley received the appropriations for his Liberian university from the Phelps-Stokes fund. At the time of his death he was a martyr to the people in western Liberia.

### To the Auburn Engineer

Arranging and editing the copy which goes into a publication is tough work. But a group of students at Auburn have combined their labors and are again bringing out monthly issues of *The Auburn Engineer*.

To the staff of *The Auburn Engineer*, the Alumnews wishes the best of luck; they have done an excellent job on the February and March issues of this re-named symbol of Auburn's all-time greatness.

livers Christmas presents to residents on his route and maybe receives a few himself. But delivering the bills on Jan. 1, well, that almost breaks his heart.

### Veterans Co-ordinator P. M. Norton Ends Third Year of Helping Ex-GIs

P. M. Norton, '38, is veterans contract by Connie Mack, and co-ordinator of one of the largest groups of ex-GIs in the south. Since Mr. Norton came to Auburn as co-ordinator of veterans' affairs in February of 1945, the API veteran enrollment has grown from 95 to 4347. Of these, 1101 have graduated in the past three years.

Born in Carrollton, Pickens County, Norton was educated in the public schools of Birmingham: Old Central (now Phillips High) and Simpson. Leaving behind himself a record for athletic achievement at Birmingham Southern College, Mr. Norton followed his chosen and favorite career—coaching football.

At Birmingham Southern he was awarded the Porter Athletic Cup and the Robinson Athletic Medal in 1923, prizes given the best all-round athlete of the year. Upon receiving his A. B. he was promptly offered a professional

contract by Connie Mack, and just as promptly turned it down to go into the Alabama coaching field.

He was connected with schools at Hamilton, Alabama, and in Walker County as coach. Then he became associated with Crenshaw, Coventry, and Monroe public schools in administrative capacities.

Mr. Norton obtained his master's degree from Auburn in 1938. He is married to a Montevallo graduate, Kathleen de Shazo, and has two children, Martha, a third-quarter sophomore at Auburn, and Mary Ann, a seventh-grade student in the Lee County High School.

His favorite recreations are hunting and fishing, although he seldom has time to enjoy them now. Advising ex-GIs and coordinating the affairs of 4347 veterans is a tough job and leaves little time for recreation.

### C. E. Teague, '30, Appointed Alabama Farm Products Agent by TCI in Birmingham

C. E. Teague, Auburn, has been appointed Alabama farm products agent for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, it was announced last month by Robert Gregg, president of TCI. He succeeds O. H. Bowden, who was recently promoted to the position of farm products marketing agent.

Mr. Teague, a native of Morgan county, is a graduate of Falkville High School. He holds a B.S. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and a M.S. degree from West Virginia University.

Before coming to TCI, he served as Extension Dairyman at Auburn. He has also worked with the Dairymen's Cooperative Sales Association at Charleston and Huntington, W. Va., and has served as assistant county agent of Tuscaloosa County and county agent of Pickens County.

Mr. Teague is married to the former Mildred Satterfield, of Fairmont, W. V. They have two children.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is associated with the Kiwanis Club.

In announcing the appoint-

"We feel that Mr. Teague will not only strengthen our friendly associations with many of the agriculturists throughout the state, but will, as a result of his own wide acquaintance, add greatly to our circle of friends in rural Alabama."

The spring meeting of the Auburn Club of North Texas is to be held on May 7. Alumni who wish to attend are urged to contact L. P. Whorton, '33, 3615 Greenbrier Drive, Dallas 5, Tex.

Remember last year's rodeo? It was quite a steer-riding, bronco-busting affair. The rodeo celebration this year, sponsored by the Veterinary Medicine Association, has been set for May 1-2.



# In The Alumni Office



Clerical employees (l. to r.) Phyllis Watkins, Emily Gilreath, and Ann McAfee are shown in the middle of a day's work. These employees, and others before them, have handled over 500,000 communications emanating from the Alumni Office.



Ann McAfee compares a geographical plate, which is used in all mailing by the Alumni Office, to a file card showing the alumnus's graduation date and other important information. The Alumni Office has over ten different means of ascertaining significant data on graduates.



Emily Gilreath (seated) is operating the Alumni Association's multigraph machine while Phyllis Watkins inserts copies of THE ALUMNEWS. This modern multigraph machine, acquired by the Association several months ago, has greatly facilitated the alumni mailing program.

## Auburn Composite Sports Schedule

April 21	Baseball	University of Florida	Auburn
April 22	Baseball	University of Florida	Auburn
April 24	Golf	Troy State Teachers College	Columbus
April 24	Track	University of Florida	Auburn
April 26	Tennis	Mercer	Macon
April 27	Tennis	University of Georgia	Athens
April 28	Tennis	Georgia Tech	Atlanta
April 28	Golf	Southern Intercollegiate Tournament	Athens
April 28	Baseball	University of Tennessee	Knoxville
April 29	Baseball	University of Tennessee	Knoxville
April 29	Golf	Southern Intercollegiate Tournament	Athens
April 30	Golf	Southern Intercollegiate Tournament	Athens
April 30	Tennis	University of Florida	Gainesville
May 1	Golf	Southern Intercollegiate Tournament	Athens
May 5	Golf	Troy State Teachers College	Columbus
May 6	Track	George Tech	Atlanta
May 7	Track	State Interscholastic	Auburn
May 7	Baseball	University of Georgia	Athens
May 8	Baseball	University of Georgia	Athens
May 8	Track	State Interscholastic	Auburn
May 14	Golf	Mercer	Macon
May 14	Baseball	Vanderbilt	Auburn
May 15	Baseball	Vanderbilt	Auburn
May 15	Track	S.E.C. Meet	Birmingham
May 15	Track	S.E.C. Meet	Birmingham
May 17	Baseball	Georgia Tech	Auburn
May 18	Baseball	Georgia Tech	Auburn
May 21	Baseball	Vanderbilt	Nashville
May 22	Baseball	Vanderbilt	Nashville
May 22	Track	S.E.A.A.U.	Atlanta



Edward H. Wilson (above) of the Class of '43, is Business Manager and Associate Editor of The Alabama Farmers State official organ of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, which has its offices in Montgomery. The Alabama Farmers State has a circulation of 300,000.

## Season's Basketball Scoreboard

Seasons Basketball Scoreboard		
Winner	Loser	Score
Miss. State	Auburn	49-35
Auburn	Florida	43-41
Florida	Auburn	47-39
(second game)		
Tulane	Auburn	70-37
Auburn	Ill. Wesleyan	44-42
Wash. U.	Auburn	59-29
Auburn	Miss. U.	59-50
Auburn	U. of Ga.	52-41
Auburn	Mercer	72-53
Auburn	Vanderbilt	46-41
Auburn	L.S.U.	51-48
Auburn	Ga. Tech	38-31
Vanderbilt	Auburn	55-47
(second game)		
Auburn	Florida	53-50
Florida	Auburn	39-37
Auburn	Oglethorpe	55-23
Auburn	Oglethorpe	65-31
(second game)		

## Poetic Masterpiece

In the May, 1946, issue of The Alumnews there appeared the following poem, high in literary value?

Just a little reminder  
to those of you,  
Who failed to heed our notice  
that dues are due.  
We have told you the story  
of our association,  
And how the Organization  
became a Corporation.  
Now you guys and gals  
get on the ball,  
It takes time and money  
to keep reminding you all—

Mercer	Auburn	63-46
(second game)		
U. of Ga.	Auburn	73-36
(second game)		
Ga. Tech.	Auburn	50-43
(second game)		
Auburn	Howard	33-32
Tulane	Auburn	47-40

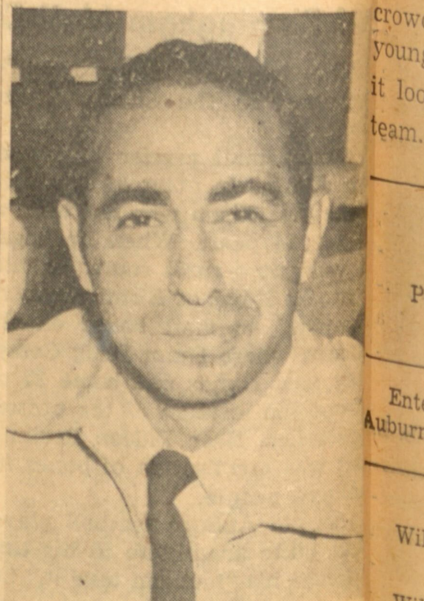
That dues are necessary  
and the time is now,  
To make our Organization  
a success—and how!!!  
Five Dollars a year—  
'round a penny a day,  
Will get OUR Organization  
well on its way!  
And, in reply, Edmund C. Bunker, '06, of Charleston, S. C., wrote:  
I read your little poem,  
And did not miss the hint;  
For in the second verse I found,  
The money sentiment.  
Often do I reminisce,  
While smoking a cigar;  
And think of friends of just two  
years,  
And wonder where they are.  
Some of them have passed  
away,  
While many are still alive;  
In memory of my Auburn days,  
I here enclose a five.

## Assistant PE Coach Prays for Ice Hockey

What would not Coach Charles Nader give for a refrigerated floor on which he might play ice hockey to his heart's content! A native of the cool state of Wisconsin, Nader will wipe his brow during these warm spring days and pray for a single, refreshing game of ice hockey.

A member of the hustling young Physical Education staff which, under the Director of PE, Arnold Umbach, is a maneuvering Auburn to a top place in minor sports once more Nader obtained his B. A. at La Crosse State Teachers' College. There he played varsity basketball, tennis,

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Assistant PE Coach Charles P. Nader instructs students with minor physical handicaps in Auburn's rejuvenated physical education program.



Sports

In Brief

By Bob Ingram



The 1948 model of the Auburn Tiger appears destined to make athletic history for the Orange and Blue. This Tiger, long a mere kitten in most sports, has suddenly blossomed out into a leading contender in every major sport in the South. It was up to the basketball Tigers to start the ball rolling here on the Plains, and they did an admirable job. This young team, under the direction of the popular and capable Danny Doyle, established one of the best court records in recent Auburn history. Only Kentucky, Tulane, and Tennessee finished in front of this team which had four freshmen in the starting lineup. Coach Arnold Umbach and his wrestling Tigers, not to be outdone, proceeded to follow suit with a highly successful season. Auburn's grunt and groan squad finished with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss and then grabbed the S.E.A.A.U. wrestling championship in the tournament held in Chattanooga. At the moment, four members of this fine team—Tom Keys, John McKenzie, Phil Smith, and Carroll Keller—are in training for the oncoming National A.A.U. meet, where a berth on the U. S. Olympic team will go to the winners.

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With the Spring Quarter here, baseball and track come into the picture, and that picture is indeed a bright one for the followers of Auburn. With practically the same team as last year, which finished second in the conference, Auburn's baseball team appears headed for an even higher position this season. Starting off the season with a 14-11 non-conference win over Fort Benning, the Auburnites displayed plenty of hitting power. On Monday, March 29, the University of Mississippi Rebels came into town to open the S.E.C. schedule with a two game series with the Tigers. In the opener, the Tigers won 6-0, behind the superb two-hit pitching of their ace righthander, Willard Nixon. Nixon set a new SEC record in this game when he disposed of 20 Rebel batters via the strikeout route. The previous record had been 18. The Mississippians came back strongly in the second game, and aided immeasurably by several costly Tiger errors, defeated the Auburn nine, 7-4. Onis Green started the game for the Tigers but was relieved by Dennis Kinlaw in the 3rd inning, Kinlaw being the losing pitcher. Big Barney Poole, of Army football fame, pounded out two hits to lead the visitors in hitting. The Volunteers of the University of Tennessee were the next guests here at the Plains, and were treated rather roughly by our Tigers. With Williams, Stepp, Gilmore, and others pounding the ball all over the lot, the Tigers outhit and outscored the Tennesseans in the first game, 13-6. George Hill was the winning pitcher. The following day the stage was set for another performance by the incomparable Willard Nixon. When the word made the rounds that it was to be Nixon on the hill, a large crowd, including several major league scouts, gathered on the Plains. Mr. Nixon disappointed no one save the visitors from Tennessee, as he hurled a masterful no-hit, no-run contest, striking out 18 of the Tennessee batsmen. When Nixon struck out the final batter, a pinch hitter, the crowd swarmed onto the playing field to give this great young pitcher the plaudits he most certainly deserved. Yes, it looks like a red-letter season for our Auburn baseball team.

Wrestling Coach



Above is Coach Arnold Umbach, head of the Men's PE Department, and the person who has carried Auburn's Wrestling Team through to success.

Wrestling in the National AAU Meet at Hofstra College, Hempstead, N. Y., Auburn wrestlers under Coach "Swede" Umbach have made a fine showing. Winners were Carroll Keller and Tom Keys.

On the Campus



Alma Emaleen Stoves (above) recently won the Sphinx Sophomore Scholarship Award with a grade point overall average of 3.81.

An all-musical program was arranged by the various churches of Auburn for Easter sunrise services on March 28. The program held in the Auburn Stadium, was favored by clear weather and beautiful skies.

The committee which arranged Auburn's Easter service was composed of Sam Brewster, chairman; Harry M. Davis, '32; L. O. Brackeen, '27; J. D. Samford, '20; O. W. Bickel; Kenneth B. Roy; George W. Hargreaves; Eleanor Abercrombie and O. C. Prather.

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Two annual fraternity dances were held on the week-end of April 2-3. Leading the Lambda Chi Alpha dance on April 2 was Miss Caroline Johnson of Boca Grande, Fla. On April 3rd, the Delta Sigs garbed themselves as ship-wrecked sailors, and with their lovely misses, who were also ship-wrecked but very charming in their bathing suits and grass skirts, held one of the most unique social dances of the year.

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The Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity has announced their "adoption" of a nine-year-old French girl, Monique Leroux. The adoption was arranged through the auspices of the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc., of New York.

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Beautiful, titian-haired Evelyn Kidd, of Auburn, flew to Hollywood on April 3rd as Dr. Pepper's "Calendar Girl," representing the South. She is one of four girls from the nation to receive this honor, the other three being from East, North, and West. Evelyn is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

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Registration at Auburn has topped 6500. This figure is 400 more than for the same period last year.

Nader

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and ice hockey.

After graduating from La Crosse, Coach Nader took a long trip down to hot Iowa, where he obtained his master's degree and was elected to the only honorary PE fraternity of its kind in the country, Phi Epsilon Kappa.

For four years he served in Uncle Sam's Navy as a lieutenant, and traveled extensively in the Pacific, which was even hotter than Iowa. In his work as an athletic and rehabilitation officer, he gained a good background for his Auburn assignment. Here he instructs the partially disabled in PE, and, according to his words, "fits activities to individuals' ability."

Coaching four classes at present (in archery, golf, and swimming), Coach Nader has little time for his three hobbies: photography, fishing, and hunting.

Last quarter he assisted Coach John Borchardt in producing an excellent Auburn swimming team.

the infield. A right-hander in both hitting and throwing, Billy has had experience in playing all infield positions and should make a valuable addition to the Sox in his utility role.

A native of Union Springs, Billy followed his older brothers, Bully and Jimmie, to the Auburn campus where he made outstanding records in baseball and football.

A star on the Tiger teams in his sophomore and junior years, he was forced to the sidelines in his senior year by a knee injury. He received his degree from Auburn in 1938.

With Auburn's Football Great



Billy Hitchcock

(Photo courtesy of Opelika Daily News)

Pro Baseball Player Billy Hitchcock Goes With Red Sox as Infielder

Billy Hitchcock, '38, Auburn's contribution to the major leagues, left Opelika on February 27 for Sarasota, Fla., to join other members of the Boston Red Sox organization for Spring training which officially opened March 1 in the Florida resort city.

Breaking into organized baseball in 1939 when he played with Kansas City in the American Association, Billy advanced to the Detroit Tigers in 1942 after starring three years for the K. C. team at third base and shortstop.

He left the Tigers in August, 1942, to enter the service, receiving his discharge in February 1946, with the rank of major after overseas service with the Air Corps.

Returning to Detroit for the 1946 season, he was sold to the Washington Senators at the first of the season where he served at third and short again. The Sen-

ators sold him to the St. Louis Browns where he held the utility infielder's job during the 1947 season.

Billy's sale to the Red Sox organization came as a pleasant surprise last November when the Browns disposed of most of their stars. He is looking forward to playing with the Beantown entry in the American League and is anxious to get started on his diamond chores once again.

Carried as utility infielder on the Red Sox roster, Billy will have to battle such well-known professional baseball players as Doerr to land a regular berth in

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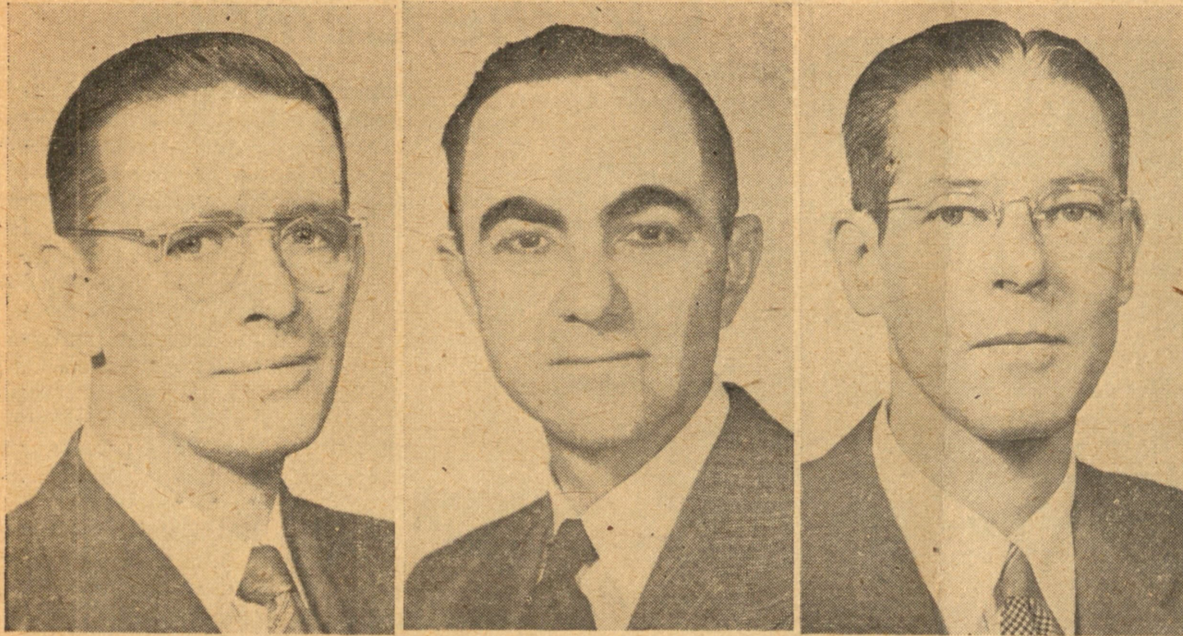
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## Start New Architecture Firm



Pictured above are (l. to r.) J. Paul Gilmore, Jr., '40, W. E. Campbell, Jr., '27, and Flynn E. Hudson, Jr., '28. These Auburn alumni have formed a new architectural firm, Hudson-Gilmore-Campbell, which is situated in Montgomery, Ala.

## Three Alumni Form Architectural Firm With Offices in Montgomery

Three Auburn alumni went into a huddle in March, decided on their next play in the game of life, and came out with their heads and hands together. They had combined to form a new Alabama architectural firm which is already engaging in architectural and engineering work on schools, and in commerce and industry.

The three alumni were J. Paul Gilmore, '40, W. E. Campbell, Jr., '27, and Flynn E. Hudson, Jr., '28. Their architectural and engineering work, headquarters of which are in Montgomery, will cover three Southern states: Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.

J. Paul Gilmore originally hailed from the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. His wife is the former Kathleen Snow, '39, of Montgomery, Alabama.

Before entering service in 1943, Mr. Gilmore was connected with the Design Division Bureau of Yards and Docks, Naval Department, in Washington, D.C. After remaining in uniform for 27 months, he became engaged in architectural work in the Southeastern area. On June 1, 1947, he formed a partnership with Flynn Hudson, Jr., for the practice of architecture and engineering.

Mr. Gilmore is a member of many professional organizations. His affiliations include: Montgomery Architects Association; Montgomery Engineers Club; American Concrete Institute; and the Alabama Society of Architects. At Auburn, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity and of Scarab Architectural Fraternity.

Mr. Gilmore has a daughter, Kathleen Mary, whose age is 3½ years.

### W. E. Campbell

Born in Montgomery, Ala., W. E. Campbell, Jr., attended the Alabama High School, in Greenville. He married the former Lucille Dunn, of Jackson, Miss., and has two daughters, Jane, age 11, and Cay, age 5.

Mr. Campbell is President of the Alabama Society of Architects, A.I.A., and the Montgomery Architects Association; he is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the National Council on School House Construction, and SAE social fraternity.

A registered architect in both Alabama and Mississippi, Mr. Campbell served as Chief School Architect of the Alabama State Department of Education from 1941-45. During the years, 1930-41, he occupied the same position in Mississippi.

Mr. Campbell has practiced architecture in Montgomery since

### Flynn E. Hudson, Jr.

A registered architect in both Alabama and Georgia, and a registered professional engineer in the state of Alabama, Flynn E. Hudson, Jr., married the former Lola Alice Croll, of Aliceville, Alabama. He has one son, Flynn III, who will enter API next September to major in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Hudson practiced architecture in Montgomery, Ala., after graduating from Auburn, and in 1934, he became National Park Service Architect.

During the war years he was mechanical engineer with Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; The Chester Engineers, Lone Star Ordnance Plant, Texarkana, Tex.; and the H. K. Ferguson Co., Engineers, Frederick, Maryland and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Hudson is a member of the Executive Council of the Montgomery Auburn Club and is Chairman of its Program Committee. Furthermore, he has been a member of the American Institute of Architects since June, 1937, is a member of the Montgomery Engineers Club, and Past President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Montgomery Architects' Association.

## H. H. Conner, '01, Dies At His Eufaula Home

Hershel Henry Conner, 68, president of the Eufaula Cotton Oil Company and former mayor of Eufaula, died of a heart attack at his home here Wednesday afternoon.

A native of Tuskegee, he had been a resident of Eufaula for 35 years. He attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute and was a member of its board of trustees during the administration of Gov. Brandon. He was very active in the work of the Baptist Church in Eufaula.

## Kingsport Club . . .

Leaders of the Kingsport, Tenn., Auburn Club, all of whom are connected with the Tennessee Eastman Corporation, are: Thomas M. Smith, '42, President; J. H. Sanders, '43, vice-president; and Thomas E. Lane, '46, secretary-treasurer.

## Alumnus of the Month

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"I scrubbed under Mike Donahue for five seasons," he says. "And Mike believed in scrimmaging. We had nearly two hours of it every day from Monday through Thursday, beginning in early September and lasting until Thanksgiving."

While at Auburn, Dr. Simms had classes under some of the men who helped build Auburn, including Dean Petrie and Dr. Thach. His sense of humor was recognized in the 1910 Glomerata, which has this to say about him: "Has a keen sense of humor, and revels in good jokes and conundrums. Is as bright as an equal volume of radium . . . He makes friends by being one."

The 1910 Glomerata also lists many of "Doc" Simm's college achievements, among which were Vice-President, Veterinary Medical Association, and President of the Sumter County Club.

Director Simms took special work at Kansas City Veterinary College during the summer of 1911, and taught at North Carolina State College during '11, '12, and '13. He spent several summers studying at the University of Chicago. After leaving North Carolina, he traveled out to Oregon State as the head and only staff member of the newly created Department of Veterinary Medicine at that institution.

He continued in that position until 1933. During this time, the staff grew to be the third largest at any agricultural college which did not offer a degree course in veterinary medicine. "Doc" Simm's work with salmon poisoning attracted the attention of research men in the field of medical science all over the world because it was the first infectious disease of a mammal that was shown to be transmitted by an internal worm parasite.

His additional research work included studies of brucellosis in cattle, liver flukes in sheep and goats, and salmon poisoning in dogs.

Dr. Simms was tennis coach and a member of the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics at Oregon State. He was also a member of the State Livestock Sanitary Board of Veterinary Examiners. He was Secretary of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association for 23 years and track veterinarian at the Oregon State Fair for several years.

His first contact with the Bureau of Animal Husbandry came when that governmental organization formed the Regional Animal Disease Research Laboratory at Auburn, and Dr. Simms became its first Director, in April, 1938. He left Auburn in 1945, to become Chief of the Bureau of

## What Is It?



"TRIFOLIATE", above, is an aluminum statue by Jean Woodham, an Auburn art graduate of the Class of 1946. This work, recently exhibited in New York and praised by prominent critics, has been acquired by the Massillon Art Museum of Ohio for its permanent collection. Miss Woodham is from Geneva, Alabama.

## Marino-Merlo Attends Art Convention

Joseph Marino-Merlo, Associate Professor of Art, Auburn, was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the National Art Education Association at its convention in Atlantic City recently.

Mr. Marino-Merlo is a mem-

## Animal Industry.

In 1922, Dr. Simms married Miss Lillian La Londe. He has four children, two of whom are students at Auburn, and one of whom is a graduate. Bennett Thomas, his oldest son, is a veterinary student here, following in the footsteps of his father. Jack is an Auburn journalism student and has already made a name for himself in Alabama and Auburn as a sports writer. He is past Sports Editor of *The Auburn Plainsman*. Mimi, former Editor-in-Chief of *The Plainsman*, is now on the staff of *The Huntsville Times*. Marjorie is a freshman in chemistry at Purdue.

Dr. Simms is a member of Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Psi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Sigma Xi, and the Washington Academy of Sciences. Furthermore, he is a member and past President of the American Veterinary Medical Association (the largest organization of veterinarians in the world) and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Though Dr. Simms now has little time for any "extracurricular activities," tennis and photography have been his hobbies in the past. He showed the first motion picture to be seen of microscopic sized animal parasites, at a meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Auburn is justly proud of its Alumnus of the Month, B. T. Simms, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

ber of the Council and Constitution Revision Committee of the national organization. He appeared on the convention program participating in a panel discussion, "Art in General Education." The panel was composed of educators from California, Virginia, Kansas, Illinois, New York and Alabama.

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Georgian should be employed in planning the building would be left to a majority vote of the committee, and if the committee decided in favor of the modern treatment, the board will not object.

The board met at 11 a.m. in the president's office. Trustee Paul Haley, '01, Jasper, presided until the noon hour in the absence of Gov. James E. Folsom, ex-officio chairman. The Governor arrived just before lunch time.

Following a recess for lunch in the women's dining hall, the board reassembled and disposed of several routine items of business in rapid-fire order.

After finishing agenda item 1, Gov. Folsom asked what the subcommittee named to make a recommendation on selection of permanent president had to report.

In the absence of Trustee S. Toomer, '93, sub-committee chairman, who had to leave the meeting at noon for an out-of-town engagement, several other committee members explained that had been "hard at work" on the matter. They stated that an original list of about 50 prospective for the position had been narrowed to 20. These 20 are now being investigated.